2. Promoting public awareness and community education.

3. Improving Blood safety and promoting rational use of blood.

4. Improving facilities for diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

5. Strengthening Programme Management capacity.

World Health Organisation is also collaborating with the World Bank and number of bilateral donors for procurement of funds for support to the programme activities.

[*Translation*]

Pollution in Industrial Cities

1931. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:
SHIR BARE LAL JATAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONEMNT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution has been increasing in the industrial cities;

(b) whether the Government propose to make a policy to check the pollution;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the government against the industrial units responsible for pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the air quality survey, air pollution levels in industrial cities are by and large within the prescribed limits and continue to remain so. While the levels of sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen are well within the limits, particulate matter in these cities is on the higher side. This is mainly due to the presence of dust and high density of vehicular traffic. Water pollution in these cities is increasing because of urbanisation.

(b) and (c). Protection of the Environment has always been a major concern and has been built into all programmes, projects and policies taken up so far. This has to be a continuing process. As part of this process, we have to seek integration of environment and economic aspects in development planning; stress on the preventive aspects in pollution abatement; promotion of technological inputs for reducing industrial pollutants and reliance upon public cooperation in securing a clean environment.

(d) The action taken by the government against the industrial units responsible for causing pollution include the following:-

(1) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.

(2) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the state pollution control boards.

(3) Industries have been directed to instal necessary pollution control equipment on a time-bound basis and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(4) 17 categories of heavily

polluting industries have been identified and these Industries have been asked by the State Governments to comply with the effluents/emission standards by 31.12.1991.

(5) Schemes for construction/ augmentation of sewage/ drainage system and treatment of sewage have been taken up.

(6) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to clusters of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants.

(7) Financial incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and shifting of polluting industries from congested areas.

[*English*]

Air Service to South Africa

1932. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to establish direct airlinks with South Africa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when the service will be started;

(d) whether the South Africa will also be allowed to operate any service to India and vice-versa; and

(e) if so, the number of such flights, the airports from which these are likely to operate and their destination in India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIAITON AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No such proposal is under Government's consideration at present.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Diabetes Patients in Country

1933. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:
SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Desh Mai 20 Lakh Madhumeh se Perit" appearing in the Nav Bharat Times dated November 14, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to eradicate/control diabetes disease; and

(d) the number of diabetic patients registered with the various Government hospitals of Delhi during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

An epidemiological study on the prevalence of Diabetes Mellitus was conducted in 1972-75 under the auspices of ICMR in six different geographical regions of India covering urban and rural terrains. The results were as follows:-